



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Cole

Serial No. 10/028,325

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: Femoral Intramedullary Rod System

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Group Art Unit: 3732

Confirmation No.: 6083

Examiner: Priddy, Michael B.

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

**I. Introductory Comments**

The present paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2004.

A fee transmittal form is enclosed for any additional claim fees that are required, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Haynes and Boone, LLP, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

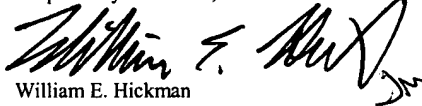
- [ X ] Small entity status of this application has been established by a previously submitted verified statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.  
 [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.  
 [ ] No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL	27	minus	21	=	6	x 9	\$54.00	OR	x 18	
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[ ]	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ 145	\$	OR	+ 290	\$
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- [ X ] A check in the amount of \$97.00 is enclosed.  
 [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Haynes and Boone, LLP Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order #31181.27.  
 [ X ] Any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.  
 [ X ] A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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